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In re Application of: NIEDERSTAETTER et al.

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Charlotte, North Carolina August 17, 2009

Dear Sir:

For:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated March 31, 2009, kindly consider the following amendments and remarks. Also enclosed is a Petition for a two-month Extension of Time with credit card form to extend the due date to August 31, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 6 of this paper.